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ROCKY ROAD TO JORDAN

THOSE fanatics who have been looking to reform the country through enforcement of impossible dry measures will wait a long time until they glory in the conquest which they appear to have celebrated prematurely. The constitutional amendment looks as though it will be, drawn designedly to mislead the electors into stampeding for any and that is more remote of accomplishment today than it was ten years ago. The difficulties hindering in adoption of the amendment are multiplying so rapidly that there is about as much chance for the nation going dry as there is for survival of the skating season in hell. The lack of concurrence by a majority of the states as a possibility was pointed out the other day by such a strong dry organ as the New York Sun, but that is not the only obstacle to foisting this odious enactment of the United States for another analysis brings out even more forcibly a weakness that swayed the sponsors of the movement in their frenzied haste to enact something that looked like the real article of guaranteed drought. The phrasing of the eighteenth amendment to the constitution of the United States reads as follows:

After one year from the ratification of this article the manufacture, sale or transportation of intoxicating liquors within the United States and all territory subject to the jurisdiction thereof for beverage purposes is hereby prohibited.

The Century dictionary, a standard authority, defines the word "liquor" in the following language:

Specifically a spirituous or distilled drink, as distinguished from fermented beverages, as wine and beer.

The Standard dictionary defines "liquor" as any alcoholic or intoxicating liquid, specifically one of a spirituous character, as distinguished from wine and beer. There can be as many definitions of "intoxicating liquors" as there are individuals, and, by section 2 of the eighteenth amendment the constitution provides for forty-nine different definitions. By giving to congress and the separate states "concurrent power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation" the way is open for each state legislature to provide its own standard of intoxicating liquor and for congress to provide a standard that does not agree with that of any of the forty-eight legislatures. Concluding an exhaustive review of the amendment the New York World sums up the situation as follows:

Professional prohibitionists who think that the prohibition issue has been definitely settled by the adoption of the eighteenth amendment or that it can be settled for all time by the legislation that the Anti-Saloon League is now prepared to impose upon cowardly and subservient lawmakers, know very little about the American people. In the years to come we shall have state campaigns, congressional campaigns and probably presidential campaigns fought on the meaning of the term "intoxicating liquors."

RED MENACE IN AMERICA BARED

THAT the Bolshevik propaganda in the United States is not only extensively but thoroughly organized will be developed in evidence to be laid before the subcommittee of the senate judiciary committee when it begins inquiry into Red activity in this country. Ever since the signing of the armistice the military intelligence division of the general staff has been collecting and filing the literature of ultra radical revolutionary and anarchistic organizations which are now systematically sowing the seeds of political and industrial unrest throughout the country.

These newspapers, books and pamphlets will be turned over to the senate committee together with a mass of collateral material tending to show that there is a well organized and well financed movement to transplant Bolshevism from Russia with such modifications or variations as may be deemed expedient to America. The fruits of this propaganda already have been witnessed, members of congress believe, in the great sympathetic strike in Seattle. Senator Nelson of Minnesota disclosed something of the nature and extent of the Bolshevik propaganda menacing the nation when he had inserted in the record the text of a publication called "Hunger" printed in Minneapolis, in which Bolshevism was lauded and gloriously hailed as the glorious new hope of workers everywhere.

One article published in this "Hunger" is headed "Raving Hunger Words" and sneeringly refers to "this higher civilization of making the world safe for democracy" and raises the question whether this shall be the "hunger and want" democracy of the master class, or the "co-operative democracy" unrestricted by man-made laws, of the working class. The situation in Arizona is no better. There the I. W. W. voted not to strike for the reason that they believed they would inflict a greater loss on their employers by remaining at work and continuing to produce copper at a time when there is no market for the red metal and the smelters would be compelled to carry over enormous stocks which would eventually be sold for less than the cost of production. Such tenets cannot be sanctioned by any economic principles and the iconoclasts of industry have the mortification of seeing six thousand of their fellows thrown out of work for a long period owing to the class spirit that was fomented in the copper districts of Arizona through the preaching of these pernicious doctrines.

THANKS TO THE ADMINISTRATION

WHEN M. Longuet, French Socialist leader, attempted to reply to the Bolshevik government of Russia concerning the conference on the Princes Islands, Pichon, the French foreign minister, said the French government could not forward Longuet's message because its wireless was reserved for official use. The dispatch from Paris announced, however, that the message had been wirelessed to Moscow, "thanks to the American government." And "thanks to the American government" Lenin and Trotsky initiated

ated in this country the program which they have carried out in Russia. Democratic senators who raised a howl because a Bolshevik meeting was held in the government-owned theater in Washington, D. C., should remember that "thanks to the American government" an attempt is being made to confer with the bloody-handed anarchists of Russia and give them recognition at the peace conference. The reason for all this is that the American government, because of a supine Democratic majority in congress, has been taken over body and breeches by the chief executive. The American government will not function through its constitutionally provided three branches until after 1930.

Irish dividends are likely to be realized by manufacturers in Ireland who are asked to increase wages 150 per cent and reduce the number of working hours 40 per cent.

Tex. Rickard Returns to the Texas Range

RANGER, Texas, February 14.—"Tex" Rickard has found that the elusive "pot of gold" exists right here under the very ranch lands that he roamed over as a cowboy more than twenty-five years ago. He has come back to his boyhood stamping ground to find that the former unbroken cattle range is covered with oil well derricks.

With his usual energy and daring Rickard got into the oil game almost as soon as he alighted from the train. He paid a handsome sum for an oil lease on several hundred acres of land situated in proved territory, and is preparing to bore a number of wells.

Rickard says that it was one of the tricks that fate seems to delight in playing that the lure of fortune should have taken him away from this vast underground wealth a quarter of a century ago and sent him to Alaska, where he mined for gold; to South Africa, where he dabbled in diamond mines and later to South America, where in Paraguay, he purchased a ranch of 415,000 acres and stocked it with high-grade American cattle.

"I have played the game of fortune up and down and across the board," he said, "and, everything considered, I have done pretty well during the last twenty-five years. Think of what I might have made, however, had I stayed right here and drilled oil wells instead of chasing the end of the rainbow to the furthest parts of the earth. It only goes to show that there is no means of knowing where the earth's riches are stored. When I was a cowboy and rode the range over most of the

country where oil is now spouting forth from scores of wells, no one hereabouts dreamed that there was any hidden wealth here."

It is interesting to note that Jess Willard, whose coming championship fight Rickard is promoting, is also on the road to become an oil prospector. He owns oil land leases in the Buckhorn and other central west Texas fields, which he is preparing to develop on an extensive scale. His oil holdings are so large that he finds it necessary to devote practically all his time to looking after his property. It was largely through sentiment that Rickard took up Willard for a final round in the ring. The two men were both cowboys upon the same range, although Willard did not come upon the scene until long after Rickard had gone fortune seeking in other lands.

U. S. ORGANIZES SAVING SOCIETIES ALL OVER NATION

New York Thrift Clubs Meet Success, Says Times

The government of the United States is doing something it never did before—organizing societies. The Treasury Department has recommended and is furthering the formation of Thrift Clubs and War Savings Stamp societies in every city, office store and industry in the land not to mention the thousands of such clubs already organized among the school children of the nation.

As an indication of the tremendous underlying importance of this new activity of the government to make America a nation of savers and investors, the New York Times in its issue of January 14 devoted a whole column of its financial page to a description of the Thrift Club movement, the employees of New York banks and the instant success of the idea. The Times says:

The Thrift Club campaign for the sale of stamps and certificates in the downtown banks has brought a response that has surprised the bank managers. Subscribers to the stamps in many cases have made a denial and sacrifice and made it a habit to save their money in the form of stamps and certificates. The Thrift Club movement is a new and important step in the government's effort to make Americans savers and investors.

Methods of moving stamp subscriptions as they come in are discussed at meetings of the officers and both men and women are urged to do without such things as tobacco, candy and luxuries and other luxuries.

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AMERICA'S DEBT SMALLER THAN OTHER POWERS'

In the light of the following official figures, America's ability to easily absorb the Victory Liberty Loan cannot be questioned:

The entire indebtedness of the United States today is less than 7 per cent of the national wealth, or about \$170 per capita.

Some of the national debts of other great powers as compared to national wealth are:

Great Britain	44.2 per cent
France	41.25 per cent
Austria	34.06 per cent
Germany	33.7 per cent

Germany's debt is really greater as the above figure is exclusive of the ninth German war loan and any indemnities she may have to pay.

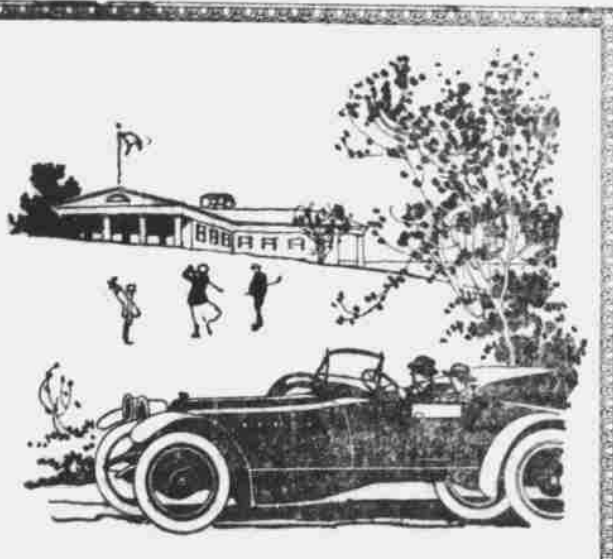
Japan is the only big nation with a lower per capita debt in relation to its wealth than the United States.

MICKIE SAYS

THEY MAY BE SOME PLACE WHERE THEY DO BETTER JOB PRINTING THAN WHAT WE DO IN THIS OFFICE, BUT I CAN'T FIND IT ON THIS MAP!



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